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SUBJECT: RETRIEVAL OF NAVY MEDICAL SPECIMENS

1. NAVY HAS ADVISED THAT THE RAPID EVACUATION OF THE NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT FIVE (NAMRU 5) PREMISES REQUIRED TEMPORARY ABANDONMENT OF A SMALL BUT SIGNIFICANT QUANTITY OF VALUABLE MEDICAL RESEARCH SPECIMENS REPRESENTING MANY MAN-YEARS OF RESEARCH. FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THESE SPECIMENS WOULD CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE IN TROPICAL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

2. SUBJECT MATERIAL, ESTIMATED AT EIGHTY CUBIC FEET, IS LOCATED IN ELEVEN DEEP FREEZE UNITS THROUGHOUT THE NAMRU 5 PREMISES. TERMS OF THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING (COPY SEPARATELY POUCHED), SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE ETHIOPIAN
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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT EVACUATION, PROVIDE FOR TURN-OVER OF SPECIMENS TO THE EMBASSY ON REQUEST. DELAY IN TURNOVER INCREASES RISK OF LOSS DUE TO POWER FAILURE, EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION OR MALICIOUS ACTION.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT AN ATTEMPT BE MADE AS SOON AS FEASIBLE TO ASCERTAIN THE CONDITION (I.E., STILL

FROZEN) AND TO ATTEMPT RECOVERY OF THE SUBJECT SPECIMENS.

4. SHOULD EARLY ATTEMPTED RETRIEVAL BE FEASIBLE IN THE
CONTEXT OF OVERALL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EPMG CONCERNING
RESIDUAL USG PROPERTIES, DR. JAMES REED OF THE EMBASSY
STAFF IS RECOMMENDED TO MAKE CRITICAL INSPECTION OF
MATERIALS TO DETERMINE FROZEN STATUS. IF CONDITION IS
SATISFACTORY, ADDITION INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED
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